

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Trans](#)[What's new at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.](#)[View this email in your browser](#)**Newsletter #107:****What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.**

Hello! This week I found myself waking up early more than a few times to bid in live or e-auctions. There are some definite advantages of rising at an insane hour to participate in an auction across the Atlantic namely that most of the "competition" is fast asleep. Of course there are Europeans bidding but much of the folks in the U.S. don't bother to get up. I've found I have much better results getting up early to bid in those auction versus ones that are smack dab in the afternoon in the U.S. This is an advantage of working with someone like me. You get to continue sleeping and I take over the hard work (yawn). Keep this in mind next time you contemplate getting up in the middle of the night to bid. There are many other benefits of auction representation but of course but this is a big advantage.

**Upcoming European Trip (March 20-April 1)**

Please keep in mind that I am purposely taking a day trip through London to view the Roma and Morton & Eden auctions. Morton & Eden is not yet posted online but will take place at the beginning of May. If you want any lots viewed at all you should get in touch with me prior to my departure on March 20 so I can view your lots. I will be participating in the Roma auction on the phone so as good as being in the room. Morton & Eden I will also participate on the phone. I'd hate to miss viewing something for you so please keep my trip schedule in mind. Thanks!

*I mentioned these two auctions last week but it is worth to mention them again since they are still forthcoming:*

**Künker Live Auction 318 (March 11-12)**

Another auction I would have liked to attend in person is the Künker 318 sale. This features a few collections. The first is a Celtic coin collection and one from Magna Graecia from the Dr. W.R. Collection. The second is Roman Empire coins from the Dr.

Klaus Berthold collection. Both collections boast some very nice pedigrees and high quality. At the beginning of the catalog is a nice memoriam of the numismatist Rüdiger Kaiser who unfortunately passed away this last December. He was a member of the IAPN and a well liked dealer in Germany. Remember that Künker does not have online bidding so if you need representation please get in touch. I will be phone bidding this auction.

#### **Roma Live Auction XVII (March 28)**

Roma is conducting their 28th live auction on March 28. Since my last newsletter the Roma auction is now online on their site where you can see a nice pdf version or on Sixbid or Numisbids. The catalog has some very nice high grade pieces on offer. One of the more interesting parts is the sale of the Prof. Hermann Lanz collection. Some may recognize the last name of Lanz but associate it Dr. Hubert Lanz, who is in fact the son of Prof. Hermann Lanz. The elder Lanz, who passed away in 1998, had a lovely collection of Celtic coins many of which were featured in a book *Kelten im Osten* and displayed in various exhibitions in Germany. The collection is being auctioned in this latest Roma auction.

#### **VCoins Triskeles Auction 335 (March 15)**

Triskeles is offering 568 pieces including coins of all types, antiquities and even some numismatic books. Triskeles routinely offers coins at various price points but mainly all are affordable for the average collector. Their online auctions can be accessed either on their site or you can alternatively leave bids on Sixbid to be executed during the auction. I personally would never recommend leaving bids for an auction way ahead of time. It is like showing your cards to the other players during a card game. It typically leaves you at a major disadvantage. I'll caveat that statement though to say that if you don't really mind losing the coin or if your bid isn't a huge one then leaving a bid is really not a big deal. It really depends on your desire to win the coin.

#### **Upcoming Trade Show - Central States Numismatic Society (April 24-27)**

The CSNS will hold its annual trade show in Schaumburg, IL from April 24-27. I will set up at this show at booth 1802. Many of you know already that the Chicago coin bourse I helped put together in downtown Chicago is now being folded into the CSNS show. I'm hoping the bigger show will bring more folks to Illinois and reinvigorate a great but difficult show for many. If you are in the area or in a neighboring state you might consider coming in for the bourse. There are always great deals on the floor and meeting face to face with dealers is a wonderful thing.

*Here are the show specifics:*

<https://www.centralstatesnumismaticsociety.org/schedule-of-events>



### Coin of the Week

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/roman-empire/octavian-as-augustus-divvs-ivlivs-comet-issues-27-bc-14-ad-spain-caesaraugusta-19-18-bc?rq=re1065>

**Octavian as Augustus. "DIVVS IVLIVS" Comet Issues.**

**27 BC - 14 AD. Spain, Caesaraugusta, 19-18 BC.**

AR Denarius, 3.80g (20mm, 6h). CAESAR – AVGVSTVS Oak-wreathed head l. Rev. DIVVS – IVLIVS Eight-rayed comet with tail upwards.

**Sale Price: \$5,500 (previously \$6,000)**

*This early coin of Augustus is a powerful reminder of the influence that celestial objects played in the lives of the Romans. The year was 44 BC and the emperor Julius Caesar had just been murdered by a group of Senators, including his friend Marcus Junius Brutus who was said to have wielded the final deadly blow. Only four months subsequent to this betrayal of his fellow kinsmen, Caesar was being honored in a ceremony called Ludi Victoriae Caesaris, which was in fact arranged by Brutus, to help garner goodwill towards the many Romans who saw the killing as a form of murder and not freedom from a tyrannical man. During the games, a bright comet was visible and shone for seven full days. The Roman people interpreted this as the deification of Julius Caesar. To be sure, the comet was a miraculous event and the spirit of Julius Caesar was forever intertwined with the often seen mythical episode. Besides being awe-inspiring, it also helped to launch the career of Caesar's great nephew (and adopted son) Octavian, later Augustus. It is for this reason we see the comet on his coins with a legend denoting the deified Julius Caesar.*

**References:** C 97. BMC 326. RIC 37b. CBN 1302

**Grade:** Light iridescent toning. A few minor imperfections, otherwise almost Mint State  
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If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at [shanna@shannaschmidt.com](mailto:shanna@shannaschmidt.com)

Until next week!  
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